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Mayor Steven M. Fulop Encourages A Healthy Start – Cites Reasons to Vaccinate Your Child

***National Immunization Awareness Month is a reminder that we all need
vaccines right from the start and throughout our lives***

JERSEY CITY – Immunization offers parents the safe, proven power to protect their children from 14 serious and potentially deadly diseases before they turn two years old.

To celebrate the importance of immunizations for a healthy start and throughout our lives – and to make sure children are protected with all the vaccines they need – **the City of Jersey City is joining with partners nationwide in recognizing August as National Immunization Awareness Month.**

The Jersey City Department of Health & Human Services, Child Health Clinic, 199 Summit Avenue, Suite G, Jersey City, NJ 07304 offers **free immunizations for uninsured Jersey City residents Monday through Friday**. Parents are encouraged to vaccinate their children long before school begins, so as not to delay their start. The sooner a child is vaccinated the better he or she is prepared to begin school with a healthy start.

Please see attached flyer and note the following **schedule for childhood immunizations**:

Preschool Children - Ages 2 months to 5 years – Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays – 8:30am – 10:30am
School Age Children – Ages 6 to 18 years – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday – 10:30am – 12:00pm

“There’s no excuse for not getting your child vaccinated. Children who don’t receive the recommended vaccines are at risk of getting sick – very sick – and getting others sick, too” said **Mayor Steven M. Fulop**. “Every dose of every vaccine is important to protect your child and others in the community from infectious diseases. Talk to your doctor or other health care professionals to make sure your child is up to date on all the vaccines he or she needs.”

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Today's childhood vaccines protect against serious and potentially life-threatening diseases, including polio, measles, whooping cough and chickenpox. There are many important reasons to make sure your child is vaccinated:

- Immunizations can protect your child from 14 serious diseases before they turn 2 years old
- Vaccination is very safe and effective
- Immunizations can protect others you care about
- Immunization can save your family time and money
- Immunization protects future generations by reducing the prevalence of serious diseases

When children are not vaccinated, they are at increased risk and can spread diseases to others in their family and community – including babies who are too young to be fully vaccinated, and people with weakened immune systems due to cancer and other health conditions.

Participating in National Immunization Awareness Month is just one example of Mayor Fulop and the Jersey City Department of Health & Human Services' commitment to stimulating a Healthier JC. In addition to the free immunizations at the Child Health Clinic, the Department of HHS is delivering information packets to Jersey City daycares this month alerting them about the immunization requirements for Jersey City children. This will ensure greater health in our City and more efficient vaccination audits citywide.

Parents can find out more about the recommended immunization schedule at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents or www.cityofjerseycity.gov/hhs or call the Department of Health & Human Services at (201) 547-6800.

All media inquiries should be directed to Jennifer Morrill, Press Secretary to Mayor Steven M. Fulop at 201-547-4263 or 201-376-0699.////

PROTECT YOUR CHILD IMMUNIZE

FREE

IMMUNIZATIONS FOR UNINSURED JERSEY CITY RESIDENTS

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
CHILD HEALTH CLINIC
199 SUMMIT AVENUE, SUITE G
201-547-6800

PRESCHOOL CHILDREN
2 MONTHS TO 5 YEARS OLD
MONDAY, TUESDAY AND THURSDAY
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SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN
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MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY
10:30 A.M. – 12:00 NOON

IMPORTANT:
PLEASE BRING IMMUNIZATION RECORDS,
PHOTO ID AND PROOF OF JERSEY CITY ADDRESS.



PRESENTED BY: MAYOR STEVEN M. FULOP, THE JERSEY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AND
THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES



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